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Patrick Mahoney, of New York, introduced a bill, S. 1232, and it is delivered to the Senate unanimously signed petitions from various parts of the South, one from the City Council of Vicksburg, praying for a Southern connection with the Union Pacific Railroad. Some of them define clearly the vast importance to the South and North of such connection, and it is believed that Congress will provide for a railroad by way of Lawrenceville, Lawrence and Fort Gibson, through the Indian Territory.

MR. SULLIVAN—Has Congress power to disband the militia of a State?
MR. WILSON—Congress has power to disarm rebellious traitors.
The joint resolution is as follows:
Resolved, That all militia forces now organized or in service in either of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas be forthwith disbanded and disbanded; and that the further organization, arming or calling into service of said militia, or any part

citizens in a State, but could not deprive of citizenship. The object of that clause is not to give the power to exclude any class, but to declare to all that they shall have the right of suffrage. Women do not vote because there is no power in the Constitution authorizing them to do so. It has been considered against the proprieties of ancient and modern civilization that women should wield either the bayonet or the bullet. The only exception is the tradition of the

Whenever we are still conscious of the necessity of the commerce and credit and industry of the country by declaring to the American people and the world that the United States are still in a condition of civil war. At present there is no part of our country in which the authority of the United States is disputed. Offenses that may be committed by individuals should not work a forfeiture of the rights of the same organization. The country has entered on